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REMARKS

By the present response, Applicant has canceled claim 14 without disclaimer.

Further, Applicant has amended claims 8 and 12 to further clarify the invention. Claims 1-13 and 15-20 remain pending in the present application. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

In the Office Action, claims 8-11 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claims 12, 13 and 15 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,892,792 (Walley). Claims 1-7 and 19-20 are allowed. Claims 8-11 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Claims 14 and 16-18 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant thanks the Examiner for allowing claims 1-7 and 19-20, indicating that claims 8-11 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, and indicating that claims 14 and 16-18 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

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35 U.S.C. § 112 Rejections

Claims 8-11 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Applicant has amended these claims to further clarify the invention and respectfully requests that these rejections be withdrawn.

35 U.S.C. § 102(b) Rejections

Claims 12, 13 and 15 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,892,792 (Walley). Applicant has amended claim 12 with the subject matter of claim 14, deemed allowable by the Examiner, and submit that these claims are now patentable over the cited references at least for these reasons. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that these rejections be withdrawn and that these claims be allowed.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that claims 1-13 and 15-20 are now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, early allowance of such claims is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney, Frederick D. Bailey, at the telephone number listed below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,
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